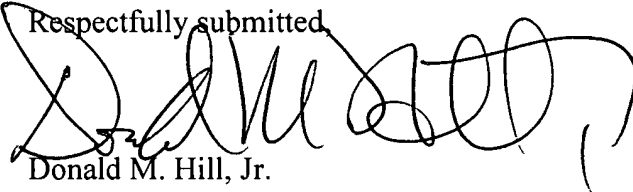


### REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended in formal respects and to eliminate multiple dependencies.

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